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Town of Benton, New Hampshire
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Year Ending December 31, 2015

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Maxine Tyler

We salute and honor Maxine for 50 years of continuous service to the town and citizens of Benton. Maxine's never ending energy and ability to carry out her duties should inspire us all to be involved and part of our town government.

The town of Benton congratulates and thanks you, Maxine, for your tireless and dedicated service to the citizens of Benton. I have also been told that Maxine is one of the longest serving elected officials in the state of New Hampshire, a milestone that is accomplished by few.

Our greatest thanks to you for all you have done Maxine...

I also would like to thank Mike Stiebitz for his patience and continuous help he has provided to me in this "rookie" year for me as treasurer as well as all the input from the town officers and citizens that they provided to me. I believe this report will show and exemplify the hard work we all put forth.

Thank you Benton!

Dwight Swauger, Treasurer

Benton Town Officers

		Term	Expires
Board of Selectmen	Aaron Goodwin	3 yrs	2017
	Paula Boutin	3 yrs	2018
	Regina Elliott	3 yrs	2016
Moderator	Gilbert Richardson	2 yrs.	2016
Treasurer	Dwight Swauger	1 yr.	2016
Auditor	Robert Steel	1 yr.	2016
Tax Collector	Michael Stiebitz	1 yr.	2016
Town Clerk	Michael Stiebitz	1 yr.	2016
Supervisors of the Checklist	M. Christopher	3 yrs.	2017
	Stephanie Saffo	3 yrs.	2018
	Katherine Plachetzki	3 yrs.	2016
Ballot Clerk	Lynne Toher	1 yr.	2016
Ballot Inspector	Maxine Tyler	1 yr.	2016
Surveyor of Wood and Lumber	Joseph Boutin, Jr.	1 yr.	2016
Trustee of the Trust Funds	Laura Richardson	3 yrs	2017
	Mark Elliott	3 yrs	2018
	Martin Noble	3 yrs.	2016
Planning Board	Kenneth Kealey	5 yrs.	2016
	Richard Saffo, Sr.	5 yrs.	2017
	Martin Noble	5 yrs.	2018
	Wayne Chevalier	5 yrs.	2018
	Sam Gregory	5 yrs.	2020
Sexton	Brad Clough	1 yr.	2016

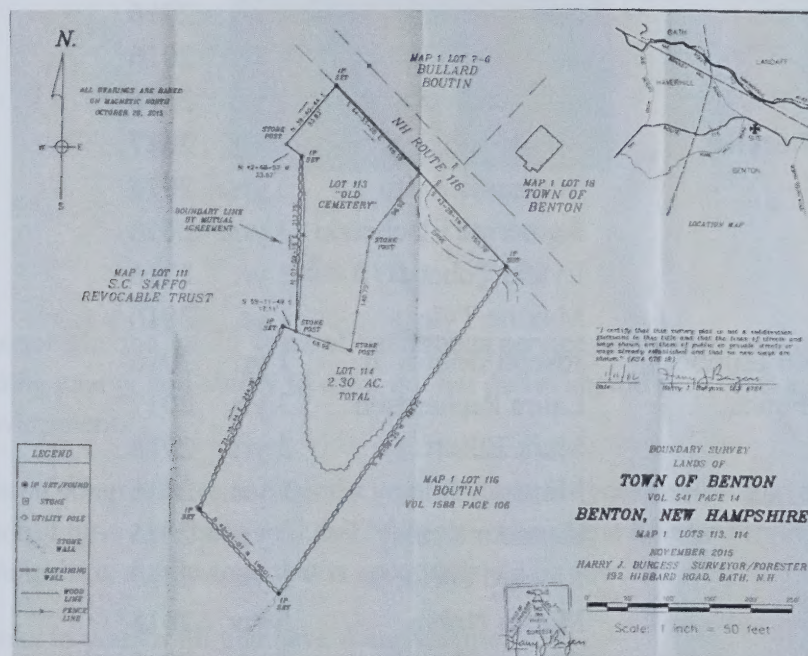
Selectmen Comments

The Benton web site is still up and running. The address is: www.tobentonnh.org.
 The Selectmen can be reached by email at: bentonnhselectmen@gmail.com. The webmaster can
 be reached by e-mail at: bentoninfo@gmail.com.

Thanks to the Beautify Benton Committee and Stef Saffo for their ongoing and tireless efforts in keeping Town Hall clean and the outside kept tidy and fresh. Thank you!

Thanks to the efforts and knowledge of Aaron Goodwin and his familiarity with the cemetery and some record searching and a survey, the town was able to obtain some additional space at the top of the grounds. This is the map that shows the area that was reclaimed with agreements made with the S.C. Saffo Trust lot lines and showing the extended property. The

project will become reality in the future as we clear the trees and remove some rocks and stumps there will be quite a few burial plots available. This was time and money well spent instead of looking and searching for another cemetery. This in addition to other changes and new procedures painstakingly taken on by Laura Richardson, Trustee of the Trusts, will be a win-win situation for the citizens of Benton.



This drawing is a bit small but the additional land is shown in the lower left hand quarter of the map. Additional details are available from the select board.

If you have business to be brought before the select board, please stop by the weekly meeting. The selectmen meet every Monday – with the exception of holidays - at 6:30pm at the Benton Town Hall. The meeting is informal and does not follow a prepared agenda.

Select Board:

Aaron Goodwin, Chair

Paula Boutin

Regina Elliott

2016 TOWN WARRANT

Town of Benton

March 8, 2016

To the inhabitants of the Town of Benton qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Benton Community Building in said Benton on the second Tuesday of March next, the 8th, at seven o'clock in the evening.

When the town meeting opens qualified voters will be asked to vote and act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose persons for the following positions and terms of service:
(Majority vote required)

<u>Position</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Selectman	3 years	2019
Moderator	2 years	2018
Treasurer	1 year	2017
Auditor	1 year	2017
Town Clerk	1 year	2017
Tax Collector	1 year	2017
Supervisor of the Checklist	3 years	2019
Ballot Clerk	1 year	2017
Ballot Inspector	1 year	2017
Surveyor of Wood and Lumber	1 year	2017
Sexton	1 year	2017
Planning Board Member	5 years	2021
Trustee of the Trust Funds	3 years	2019
Cemetery Trustee	3 years	2019
Cemetery Trustee	2 years	2018
Cemetery Trustee	1 year	2017

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the officers and agents as printed. Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$140,000 for general Municipal Operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to repair and repave Tunnel Stream Road starting at Davis Brook Bridge and ending at Rollins Road and authorize the withdrawal of \$16,854 from the Capital Reserve Fund for Roads created for that purpose. The balance of \$13,146 is to come from unassigned fund balance from 2015. (Submitted by petition). Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to determine that funds from sale of cemetery plots in Benton will be received into the general fund of the town as sale of municipal property pursuant to RSA 289:2-a, with said funds being used for appropriations for cemetery maintenance and projects. Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to discontinue accepting funds for perpetual care going forward from the acceptance of this article. Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 7. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

A True Copy – Attest;

Selectmen of Benton:

Aaron Goodwin

Paula Boutin

Regina Elliott

Budget Analysis-Appropriations and Expenditures

Account	2015 Reconciliation Summary			Balance	Proposed 2016 Budget
	Charge Point	Budget	Spent		
4130	Executive - Staff Salaries & Expenses	\$11,500.00	\$9,588.94	\$1,911.06	\$11,500.00
4140	Election Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
4150	Financial Administration	\$9,500.00	\$4,428.03	\$5,071.97	\$7,500.00
4152	Revaluation of Property	\$5,800.00	\$5,360.09	\$439.91	\$5,800.00
4153	Legal Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$990.92	\$1,009.08	\$2,000.00
4155	Personnel Admin	\$1,200.00	\$1,530.00	-\$330.00	\$1,600.00
4193	Planning & Zoning	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
4194	Gov't Buildings	\$5,000.00	\$3,729.95	\$1,270.05	\$5,000.00
4195	Cemeteries	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00
4196	Insurance	\$2,000.00	\$1,726.93	\$273.07	\$2,000.00
4197	Ads & Regional Assoc.	\$2,700.00	\$1,851.86	\$848.15	\$2,700.00
4199	Avitar (software maintenance)	\$1,800.00	\$2,134.06	-\$334.06	\$2,200.00
4210	Police	\$4,000.00	\$1,724.00	\$2,276.00	\$3,200.00
4215	Ambulance	\$4,500.00	\$5,408.00	-\$908.00	\$5,500.00
4220	Fire	\$7,500.00	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00	\$7,500.00
4299	Other Public Safety	\$2,300.00	\$0.00	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00
4312	Highways & Streets	\$70,000.00	\$51,695.79	\$18,304.21	\$70,000.00
4316	Street Lighting	\$500.00	\$266.40	\$233.60	\$500.00
4319	Other Streets	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
4414	Animal Control	\$1,000.00	\$167.05	\$832.95	\$1,000.00
4441	Admin. & Dir. Assist.	\$1,000.00	\$1,851.30	-\$851.30	\$2,000.00
4442	Direct Assistance	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
4444	Inter Gov't Welfare Pymts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4445	Vendor Payments & Other	\$1,200.00	\$1,594.36	-\$394.36	\$1,200.00
4723	Interest on Tax Note	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
4915	To CRF for Fire & Roads	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	-\$10,000.00	\$0.00
	TOTALS	\$138,000.00	\$107,797.68	\$30,202.32	\$140,000.00
	ARTICLE 4-\$10,000.00 TO CRF	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Budget Analysis-Estimated Revenues - 2016

Source	Estimated 2015	Received 2015	Estimated 2016
Property Taxes (3110)	\$391,601.00	\$ 636,331.17	\$395,000.00
Timber Taxes (3185)	\$5,000.00	\$1,038.56	\$5,000.00
Other Taxes and Fees (3189)	\$0.00	\$161.94	\$0.00
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes (3190)	\$1,000.00	\$5,285.47	\$2,000.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees (3220)	\$47,500.00	\$55,659.00	\$50,000.00
Vital Records Searches (4153)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bounced Check Fees (4153)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Building Permits (3230)	\$330.00	\$110.00	\$330.00
Pistol Permits (3290)	\$100.00	\$160.00	\$100.00
Dog Licenses (3291)	\$400.00	\$384.50	\$400.00
Rental of Town Hall (3292)	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
Other State Grants (3359)	\$0.00	\$375.00	\$0.00
Shared Revenues (3311)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Meals and Rooms Tax Dist. (3352)	\$16,500.00	\$17,985.27	\$16,500.00
Highway Block Grant (3353)	\$12,900.00	\$14,026.20	\$12,900.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes (3186)	\$59,000.00	\$55,672.00	\$59,000.00
Interest on Investment (3502)	\$190.00	\$128.86	\$190.00
From Capital Reserve Funds (3916)	\$0.00	\$0.00	** \$16,854.00
Totals	\$534,621.00	\$787,367.87	\$558,374.00

**Pursuant to approval of Article 4-Tunnel Stream Project

Note: The Forest Service cutting contract in the WMNF is now underway. We may receive some revenue from the timber but we don't know when or how much, therefore we can't include any estimates in the anticipated revenues.

Report of the Treasurer

Tax Receivables

Property Taxes - 2011 Liens	
Principal	\$307.61
Interest	\$0.00
Total 2011	\$307.61
Property Taxes - 2012 Liens	
Principal	\$340.77
Interest	\$0.00
Total 2012	\$340.77
Property Taxes - 2013 Liens	
Principal	\$2,407.08
Interest	\$0.00
Total 2014	\$2,407.08
Property Taxes - 2014 Liens	
Principal	\$13,668.24
Interest	\$0.00
Total 2014	\$13,668.24
Property Taxes - 2015	
Principal	\$83,410.49
Interest	\$0.00
Total 2015	\$83,410.49
Yield (Timber) Tax - 2015	
Principal	\$818.32
Interest	\$0.00
Total 2015 Yield Tax	\$818.32
Total Tax Receivables	\$100,952.51
Total Received from Tax Collector in 2015	\$644,238.59
Refunded Credits	(\$2,622.00)
Abatements Refunded by Town	(\$208.67)
Int. Paid on Ref. Abatements	(\$10.99)
Total Amount of Tax Revenue Realized in 2015	\$641,396.93

Report of the Treasurer, Cont.

Revenues

Received from Town Clerk:	
Motor Vehicle Permits/Transfers/Titles	\$55,659.00
Vital Statistics – State of NH	\$0.00
Dog Licenses Issued	\$384.50
Reimbursement from State of NH	\$375.00
Total Received from Town Clerk	\$56,417.50
Received from Selectmen:	
Pistol Permits	\$160.00
Town Hall Rental	\$50.00
Buildings Permit	\$110.00
Total Received from Selectmen	\$320.00
Received from State and Federal Sources:	
State of NH – Highway Block Grant	\$14,026.20
State of NH Rooms and Meals Tax	\$17,985.27
U.S. Dept. of Interior (Payment in Lieu of Taxes)	\$55,672.00
Total from State and Federal sources	\$87,683.47

Report of the Treasurer, Cont.**Account Balances**

Operating Account: General

Balance: 01/01/2015	\$67,960.49
Interest Paid:	\$128.86
Deposits:	\$904,762.79
Checks Written:	\$559,531.60
Balance: 12/31/2015	\$413,320.54

Yield Account:

Balance: 01/01/15	\$7,666.53
Deposits:	\$9,011.91
Interest:	\$10.84
Withdrawals:	\$0.00
Balance: 12/31/2015	\$16,689.28

Select Money Market Account:

Balance: 01/01/2015	\$95,634.73
Interest:	\$190.68
Balance: 12/31/2015	\$95,825.41

Respectfully submitted,

Dwight A. Swanger, Treasurer March 8, 2016

Payments by the Selectmen

Staff Salaries & Expenses:	\$9,588.94
Financial Administration	\$4,428.03
Revaluation of Property	\$5,360.09
Legal Expenses	\$990.92
Personnel Administration	\$1,530.00
Government Buildings	\$3,729.95
Insurance	\$1,726.93
Ads & Regional Assoc.	\$1,851.86
Avitar Software & Support	\$2,134.06
Police	\$1,724.00
Ambulance	\$5,408.00
Fire	\$3,750.00
Highways & Streets	\$51,695.79
Street Lighting	\$266.40
Animal Control	\$167.05
Welfare Admin. Costs	\$1,851.30
Vendor Payments	\$1,594.36
Purchase of Tax Liens	\$22,080.39
Payments to Yield Tax Account	\$2,561.53
To Capital Reserve Funds (Roads)	\$10,000.00
Grafton County Taxes	\$41,753.00
Local School Taxes	\$385,339.00
Total:	\$559,531.60

Report of Clerk to Treasurer - Benton, New Hampshire**Year End Totals for 2015****Date: 12/30/2015**

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued (430):	\$55,659.00
Dog Licenses Issued and Fines Collected (67/0):	\$384.50
Marriage Licenses Issued (0):	\$0.00
Vital Record Searches (0):	\$0.00
Reimbursement from State:	\$375.00
Reimbursed bounced check:	\$0.00

Total Collected by Town Clerk for 2014 **\$56,417.50**

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued (430):	\$55,659.00
Dog Licenses Issued and Fines Collected (67/0):	\$384.50
Marriage Licenses Issued (0):	\$0.00
Vital Record Searches (0):	\$0.00
Reimbursement from State:	\$375.00
Reimbursed bounced check:	\$0.00

Total Submitted to Treasurer by Town Clerk for 2015 **\$56,417.50**

Motor Vehicles: (414)	\$883.00
Dog Licenses Issued and Fines Collected (67/0):	\$29.00
Vital Record Searches (0):	\$0.00

Total Billed to Town by Town Clerk for 2015 **\$912.00**

*Michael P. Stiebitz***Benton Town Clerk**

2015 Tax Collector End of Year Report to Treasurer

2016	Credit	Debit
Prepay for 2016 Taxes (Unassigned)	\$0.00	
Interest on 2015 Tax payment	\$0.00	\$0.00
Overpayments/Refunds	\$0.00	\$0.00
2015	Credit	Debit
Taxes Committed This Year:		\$445,264.38
Yield Taxes		\$1,856.88
2015 Taxes prepaid in 2014	(\$257.25)	(\$257.25)
Taxes Collected & Sent to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	\$364,218.64	
Interest on 2014 Tax Payment	\$0.02	\$0.02
Yield Taxes	\$1,038.56	
Subtotal	\$364,999.97	
Taxes Uncollected at year's end	\$84,228.81	
Refunds issued	\$2,622.00	\$2,622.00
2015 Totals	\$449,486.03	\$449,486.03
2014	Credit	Debit
Taxes Uncollected at Beginning of 2015		\$255,270.94
Interest on Delinquent Taxes & Fees		\$3,282.80
Property Taxes	\$235,137.97	
Interest on Delinquent Taxes & Fees/Penalties	\$3,282.80	
Conversion to Lien (principle only)	\$20,132.97	
Refund Abatements	\$208.67	\$208.67
Abatements Granted	\$0.00	
2014 Totals	\$258,762.41	\$258,762.41
2014 Lien	Credit	Debit
Liens Executed During 2015		\$22,080.39
Interest on Delinquent Taxes & Fees		\$104.60
Redemptions	\$8,412.15	
Interest & Fees	\$104.60	
Liens Deeded to Town		
Unredeemed Lien Bal. at end of 2015	\$13,668.24	
2014 Totals	\$22,184.99	\$22,184.99
2013 Lien	Credit	Debit
Unredeemed Liens Bal. at Beginning of 2015		\$8,582.40
Interest on Delinquent Taxes & Fees		\$719.54
Redemptions	\$6,175.32	
Interest & Fees	\$719.54	
Liens Deeded to Town		
Unredeemed Lien Bal. at end of 2015	\$2,407.08	
2013 Totals	\$9,301.94	\$9,301.94
2012-2011 Lien	Credit	Debit
Unredeemed Liens Bal. at Beginning of 2015		\$4,485.94
Interest on Delinquent Taxes & Fees		\$1,178.46
Redemptions	\$3,837.56	
Interest & Fees	\$1,178.46	
Liens Deeded to Town		
Unredeemed Lien Bal. at end of 2015	\$648.38	
2012-2011 Totals	\$5,664.40	\$5,664.40
Total funds delivered to Treasurer in 2015	\$644,238.59	
Refunded Credits	\$2,803.67	
Net funds delivered to Treasurer in 2015	\$641,434.92	

Notes From the Town Clerk's Office - 2015

2015 was another quiet year in Benton, with no natural disasters rearing their ugly heads, albeit starting off with cold weather through March.

The ladies of the Beautify Benton Committee have once again kept the Town Building shipshape, despite the onslaught of a burst water pipe, cluster flies, parking lot sand, and general grime. Thank you ladies!!!!

I would like to acknowledge the extraordinary effort expended on the Town's behalf by Dwight Swauger, our Treasurer. Having already assumed the role of Town Webmaster, a volunteer position, he was elected to Treasurer in March of 2015, and immediately started at a disadvantage. Due to discrepancies in the financial reports contained in the Town Report, we were forced to adjourn the Town Meeting and reconvene it several weeks later. Dwight had to play catch-up in order to reconcile the previous year's financial data just so that the Town's budget could be voted on at the follow-up meeting.

Throughout the year he has been tackling the Department of Revenue's newly established "Portal" on the web. The DRA now requires all of the various financial reporting forms to be filled out online, and/or uploaded to their website. Dwight has doggedly worked with our DRA advisor to understand and submit the forms on time. You have all realized one result of his hard work: our Property Tax bills came out on time! Thank you Dwight and keep up the great work!

Our two "newby" Selectmen, Paula Boutin and Gina Elliott have been wading into some of the red tape as well. Along with "veteran" Selectman Aaron Goodwin, they have been trying to get a handle on the important issues in Benton and also how to deal with the mandated rules and reports required by Concord. Thank you all!

One last note on dogs: all owners of dogs over 4 months old must license them each year before April 30th. After May 30th, any license fee which remains unpaid can be increased by \$1.00 per month. After June 15, the Selectmen can proceed with legal action if the dogs remain unregistered which will result in fines and possible civil forfeiture. Please make every effort this year to get your dogs licensed before April 30th.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael P. Stiebitz

Benton Town Clerk

Vital Statistics for 2015 Benton, NH

Deaths		Died
Ernest Ham	(Glenclyff Home)	02/13/2015
Marie Gertrude Dumais	(Glenclyff Home)	02/16/2015
Paul Flanders	(Glenclyff Home)	02/18/2015
Patricia Mary Opet	(Glenclyff Home)	02/24/2015
Jo Ann Strano	(Glenclyff Home)	03/12/2015
Eleanor Katsikas	(Glenclyff Home)	03/26/2015
Fernand Alix	(Glenclyff Home)	05/03/2015
Rodney A. Tulonen	(Glenclyff Home)	05/30/2015
Edward Conklin Jr.	(Glenclyff Home)	06/09/2015
Vernon Gile	(Glenclyff Home)	08/29/2015
Dorothy S. Ellis	(Glenclyff Home)	09/29/2015
Edwin Cwirka	(Glenclyff Home)	10/15/2015
Judith Blitzer	(Glenclyff Home)	11/01/2015

Marriages

July 2, 2015	Shawn C. Roden and Angie R. Burr in Benton
September 9, 2015	John-Paul Hunt and Danielle R. Page in North Woodstock

Births

January 5, 2015	Ike Charles Newton, son of Erin and Justin Newton in Lebanon, NH
January 5, 2015	Ila Mildred Newton, daughter of Erin and Justin Newton in Lebanon, NH
May 8, 2015	Carson Samuel Clough, son of Brittany Gray and Brad Clough in Littleton, NH
September 6, 2015	Laney Mae Newton, daughter of Kendra and Jason Newton in Plymouth, NH

Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Town of Benton

Grafton S.S.

March 10, 2015

The Town Meeting was opened at 7:00PM by the Moderator, Gil Richardson. A motion was then made to recess to the School District meeting. The motion was seconded, and by voice vote, the Town Meeting was recessed to the School District meeting.

At 7:40PM, after the School meeting finished, the Moderator brought up the fact that some of the Warrant Articles were incorrect and that discussion would be required. The Warrant omitted Article 6 completely, and Article 3 had the wrong amount for Municipal Operations. Article 1 was missing 3 positions, Supervisor of the Checklist, Trustee of Trust Funds, and Member of the Planning Board. He stated that these positions would be available and the voters would be voting on them.

There were two Selectman openings, one for a 1 year term to replace John Hassell, and a 3 year position to replace Elena Chevalier. Two candidates were nominated and a paper ballot was printed up before the meeting reconvened.

The Moderator reconvened the Town Meeting at 7:50PM

ARTICLE 1. To choose persons for the following positions and terms of service.

The following Town Officers were elected after a voice vote:

Treasurer	1 Yr Term	Dwight A. Swauger
Auditor	1 Yr Term	Robert Steel
Town Clerk	1 Yr Term	Michael P. Stiebitz
Tax Collector	1 Yr Term	Michael P. Stiebitz
Ballot Clerk	1 Yr Term	Lynne Toher
Ballot Inspector	1 Yr Term	Maxine Tyler
Supervisor of the Checklist	3 Yr Term	Stephanie Saffo
Surveyor of Wood & Lumber	1 Yr Term	Joseph N. Boutin Jr.
Sexton	1 Yr Term	Brad Clough
Trustee of the Trust Funds	3 Yr Term	Mark Elliott
Member of the Planning Board	5 Yr Term	Sam Gregory

Two candidates were nominated for the two open positions for Selectman:

Regina (Gina) Elliott was nominated by her father-in-law, John G. Elliott Jr. He stated that she had experience in the field of administration and he felt that she would be an asset to the Town.

Paula Boutin was nominated by Sam Boutin, her husband. He felt that she also would be an asset to the Town.

At this point, paper ballots were distributed to the eligible voters for the vote. The Moderator and Town Clerk collected the marked ballots and tallied the vote. There were 31 votes with two abstentions. (The Moderator and the Town Clerk abstained in case of a tie.) Paula Boutin was the winner of the 3 year position.

The one year position was then brought up for a vote. Gina Elliott was again nominated, and was elected by voice vote.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the officers and agents as printed.

Motion made to accept article as written, and after some discussion and assurances from the Selectmen that the discrepancies were not that large and would be corrected and posted on the Town's website, as well as at the Town Building "in a timely fashion", the Article was seconded and passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$48,100.00 for general Municipal Operations.

The Moderator attempted to get this article on the floor, but much discussion ensued before the motion to "Accept" could take place. Many voters were concerned with the errors in Article 1 as well as numerical errors in several of the tables in the Town Report, specifically the "Budget & Summary Analysis – Revenues" on page 6, as well as the "Budget & Summary Analysis – Expenditures on page 7.

A majority of the voters were dissatisfied with the current documents and then Ally Noble suggested that the meeting be recessed and reconvened at a later date, after the Selectmen verified the correct figures and updated the tables in question.

A motion was made to recess the meeting and reconvene on March 30, 2015 at 7:00PM. It was seconded and passed with a voice vote. It was agreed that the notice would be posted at the Town Building and in the newspaper as soon as possible.

A motion was made to revisit Articles 2, 3, 4, and 5 when the Town Meeting reconvened. The motion was seconded and passed with a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM on a voice vote.

Afterwards, all of the newly elected officials and agents present were sworn in by outgoing Selectman Elena Chevalier.

Benton Town Meeting – Reconvened Session

Monday March 30, 2015

The reconvened Town Meeting was opened at 7:00PM by the Moderator, Gil Richardson. He stated Articles 2,3,4,5 would be revisited and the added Article 6 would be discussed.

Before the Town business commenced, it was announced that one our longtime residents, Irene Matz, had passed away on March 25, 2015. The funeral was to be held on March 31, 2015 at St. Joseph's church in Woodsville.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the officers and agents as printed.

Motion made to accept article as written, seconded and the Moderator then thanked Dwight Swauger for plowing through the previous documents and spreadsheets to come up with the revised and corrected documents which will be inserted in the corrected version of the report submitted to the State. Dwight stated that he had found some errors in the original spreadsheet that had shifted the correct figures into the wrong cells.

The article was then passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$138,000.00 for general Municipal Operations.

Motion made to accept the article as (re)written, seconded, and passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for Roads.

Motion made to accept article as written and seconded. A question was raised as to the amount in the fund. There is approximately \$63,000 currently in the fund. The Chair of the Trustee of the Trust Funds, Laura Richardson, asked Aaron Goodwin, the Chair of the Select board, if the Selectmen had a project in mind. He stated that there are no specific projects currently under consideration by the board. He said they had received a mailing from an engineering company which called attention to the fact the NH DOT had “Red Listed” the bridge over Davis Brook. This firm was looking to perform an evaluation of the structure for the Town. Dan Elliott stated that when it was repaired some years ago, the DOT engineer suggested that the Town maintain a low weight limit on the bridge for liability purposes. Dan also said that the Selectmen at the time thought that keeping the 5 Ton limit would discourage logging operations in the National Forest on the Tunnel Brook end of the road from sending loaded trucks over the bridge, cutting down traffic from such vehicles through the populated section of the road. John Elliott strongly recommended that the Town get quotes for repairing the parts of Howe Hill Road and Tunnel Stream Road which are in danger of washing out. He suggested that the Trust Fund money would be better spent now on these projects rather than waiting until the roads are in such a bad state that it will cost even more money. Dan Elliott suggested that the Selectmen get bids for such capital projects this summer so a warrant article can be ready for next year’s warrant.

At this point, discussion shifted to the proposed State cuts to the DOT budget. All sorts of dire predictions have been made in the media, and Aaron stated that if such cuts do get made, Benton might be responsible for road maintenance, plowing in particular, for RT 116 in Benton and Bradley Hill Road. Gil suggested that according to some scenarios of the budget negotiations in Concord, highway block grant monies may be in jeopardy for next year.

Laura Richardson pointed out that Trust fund monies cannot be used for general expenditures, only for Capital Projects. This cut off a line of discussion suggesting that the Town could always dip into the Trust Funds if there is a budget shortfall due to unforeseen circumstances.

The Article then was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$100 to the existing Benton Fire Trust Capital Reserve Fund. Said funds to come from Unassigned Fund balance.

Motion made to accept article as written and seconded. Laura Richardson discussed the original need for this Article, and the fact that Bob Steel had come up with a solution which allows the Trustees of the Trust Funds to take \$20 out of each Trust Fund Savings Account and month later redeposit it. This satisfies the State’s insistence on yearly Trust Fund activity to prevent

dissolution of said Fund and deposit of the monies into the General Fund. This procedure will be performed every year by the Trustees on any accounts needing protection and as such, this Article is unnecessary. The Article was turned down by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 6. To open the meeting to discussion of any new business.

Motion made to accept article as written and seconded. Gil stated that he had done some research on inserting a New Business article into a warrant. He learned that any discussion during New Business would be information and not legally binding because the content had not been posted. Nonetheless, discussion ensued on several topics.

Wayne Chevalier requested that the Town revisit the Emergency Planning document that was created several years ago by a committee from the Town working with a contractor from the NH Department of Emergency Management. This document was never adopted by the Town of Benton, although a committee had invested considerable time and effort in its creation. He is concerned that the document has never been signed, but that there are several Town contacts listed in it. A suggestion was made to put this document up on the Town's website. At 200-odd pages, Dwight Swauger, webmaster, stated that it was too large to be posted on the website. Elena Chevalier, one of the original committee members, had concerns about sharing the complete document with just anyone, as it contains specific plans for specific disaster scenarios. She also expressed concern over some of the wording in the original document which states that in the event of a declared emergency, the government (not specifically the Town government) could appropriate any property it deemed necessary, sort of an "eminent domain" for private vehicles, equipment, etc. Although this wording was supposedly removed in a subsequent draft, Elena says it never was taken out of the most recent revision.

This planning document apparently needs two official Town signatures to be legally binding on the Town. It has not been signed. The contractor who worked with the original committee had stated that if the document wasn't signed, the "government" would not reimburse the Town for "mitigation" expenses, though they would help with emergency management costs.

Marty Noble stated that on average, two loaded tanker trucks per day roll through Benton. He expressed his concern that if one of them had an accident and contaminated area water supplies the Town would not get assistance from the State. Elena stated that her understanding is the State would not deny us help in such situations.

It was suggested that since this is an unofficial (not legal) document, there is no reason to share it beyond the Town's Emergency Management committee (and any other interested parties within Town), and as such, should be taken up by the incoming Emergency Manager, Scott Matz. Aaron agreed to get all the appropriate information to Scott and to bring him up to speed.

The last item discussed was the state of the cemeteries. John Elliott suggested that the Town get some professional maintenance for the stones in the Mountain View cemetery, as there has been

no real upkeep on the cemetery since Sera Harris organized a project back in the 80's. Laura Richardson stated that she recently uncovered some issues with the Cemetery Common Trust Fund the Trustees need to sort out this summer. According to State law, there needs to be a separation of "Perpetual Care" funds and "Plot Purchase" funds. This has never been done, and in addition, her investigation has shown that there are gaps in the funding, perhaps necessitating a payment from the General Fund into one or both of the cemetery funds. She stated that there is also no master list of plot owners, plot owners who have paid for perpetual care, and when/how much the owners paid for their plots/care. The Trustees plan to work on these issues this summer and have a report and suggested plan of action ready in time to get a warrant article generated for 2016, if necessary.

The article was passed by voice vote and Gil thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 7:52PM.

A True Copy – Attest

Michael P. Stiebitz

Town Clerk of Benton

Michael P. Stiebitz

Dated: April 4, 2015

Report of the Trustees of the Trust Funds
For the Year Ending December 31, 2015

Funds donated to the Town of Benton are in the custody of the Trustees. Donations are distributed as specified by the donors. Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank in Woodsville, NH holds all funds.

Year 2015 Donations – Cemetery Trust

Roger Stearns - \$50.00

Status of the Funds is as follows:

Trust Fund Savings

Woodsville Guaranty Savings # 617453	\$ 1,541.71
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Cemetery/Common Trust Fund

Woodsville Guaranty Savings # 662141	\$14,769.81
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Capital Reserve Fund - Highways/Roads

Woodsville Guaranty Savings # 655898	\$70,233.77
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Capital Reserve Fund – Fires

Woodsville Guaranty Savings # 617456	\$ 4,831.28
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Revaluation Trust Fund

Woodsville Guaranty Savings #655901	\$ 3,034.66
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Expendable Trust – Schools

Woodsville Guaranty Savings #659291	\$92,983.30
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TOTAL HELD IN TRUST
BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND = \$187,384.50

Respectfully submitted,

Trustees of the Trust Fund
Laura Richardson, Chair
Martin Noble
Mark Elliott

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

DISTRICT OFFICERS

SCHOOL BOARD

Wayne Chevalier, CHAIR	Term Expires 2016
Kristina Harris	Term Expires 2015
Joseph Boutin III	Term Expires 2017

OTHER DISTRICT OFFICERS

Gilbert Richardson.....	Moderator
Maxine Tyler	Treasurer
Robert Steel.....	Auditor
Michael Stiebitz.....	Clerk

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
Dr. Donald LaPlante, Interim

**BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the School District of Benton in the County of Grafton, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 8th day of March 2016, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

- ARTICLE 1: To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 2: To choose a School District Clerk for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 3: To choose one School Board Member for a term of three years to expire in 2019.
- ARTICLE 4: To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 5: To choose an Auditor for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 6: To hear reports of Agents, Committees, or Officers chosen and pass any vote related thereto.
- ARTICLE 7: To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district. This article is exclusive of any other article on the warrant. (The school board recommends \$688,953.00)
- ARTICLE 8: To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate up to twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars to be added to the previously established Benton Tuition and Education Expendable Trust Fund, such amount to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on June 30, 2016. (The school board recommends this article.)
- ARTICLE 9: To see if the district will vote to raise \$4,503 to reduce the FY 15 general fund deficit pursuant to RSA 189:28-a. (Majority vote required)
- ARTICLE 10: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Benton this _____ day of February, 2016

A True Copy of Warrant – Attest:

Joseph Boutin III, Chairman

Wayne Chevalier

Kristina Harris

BENTON SCHOOL BOARD

**BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING - 2015
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SCHOOL WARRANT
MARCH 10, 2015**

The meeting opened at 7:05 PM.

ARTICLE 1:

To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Gilbert W. Richardson was elected by voice vote.

ARTICLE 2:

To choose a School District Clerk for the ensuing year.

Michael P. Stiebitz was elected by voice vote.

ARTICLE 3:

To choose one School Board Member for a term of three years to expire in 2018.

Kristina Harris was elected by voice vote.

ARTICLE 4:

To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Maxine Tyler was elected by voice vote. This will be her 50th consecutive year in this position!

ARTICLE 5:

To choose an Auditor for the ensuing year.

Melissa Dunnet, Business Administrator for SAU 23 stated that as of last year, Plodsik & Sanderson PA have been retained to audit the Benton District's books. This alleviates the problems inherent in trying to have a local auditor become familiar and stay current with the regulations and requirements promulgated by the Department of Revenue. There are several other Districts within the SAU which have outsourced the Auditor function.

Motion to accept the outsourcing of the School Auditor position was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 6:

To hear reports of Agents, Committees, or Officers chosen and pass any vote related thereto.

Motion made to accept article as written, seconded and discussion ensued.

Dr. Donald LaPlante, Interim Superintendent, stated that he appreciated working with the Benton School Board, noting their dedicated spirit and cheerfulness. Although he is Interim Superintendent, he has agreed to stay on for another year, as the search for a permanent Superintendent continues. Article then passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 7:

To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district. This article is exclusive of any other article on the warrant. (The school board recommends \$573,240.00)

Motion to accept article as written, seconded and discussion ensued.

Wayne Chevalier, chairman of the Benton School Board, pointed out that the requested amount is actually \$713.00 less than last year's budget. Wayne was asked how this budget will affect the Benton Tax Rate for 2015. He stated that it is estimated that the Tax Rate for the Local School portion of the Benton Tax Rate will increase approximately \$4.00/\$1,000. Valuation. Last year's rate was lower due to a fund surplus that offset the true budget request.

Article then passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 8:

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to twenty-five thousand (\$25,000.00) dollars to be added to the previously established Benton Tuition and Education Expendable Trust Fund, such amount to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on June 30, 2014. (The School Board recommends this article.)

Motion to accept article as written, seconded and brief discussion ensued. Wayne Chevalier explained that the money for this fund comes from any surplus in the School Budget at the end of the school year. Any monies above the \$25K would be credited toward the following year's budget.

The current Trust Fund balance is approximately \$93K.

Dr. LaPlante commented that this type of fund is really a necessity to protect the district from unforeseen expenses incurred if a "special needs" student moves into Town mid-year. He related that he has seen expenses in the \$250-500K range for a single student in extreme cases.

Article then passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 9: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Motion made to accept article as written, seconded, the article then passed on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM. All new officers present were sworn in at the closing.

A true copy

Attest:

Michael P. Stiebitz

Michael Stiebitz
Benton School District Clerk
Benton, New Hampshire

**BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015**

Time seems to pass more quickly each day when we are busy and that certainly has been the case this year. In just a few months I will be wrapping up my assignment as Interim Superintendent of Schools and passing the responsibilities of the position on to Laurie Melanson, our Superintendent-elect. Change will be abundant in the coming months! In Warren, the school will have a new principal as Ms. Melanson will be moving on to the Superintendent of Schools position. There will also be a new Business Administrator for the SAU 23; that person has yet to be selected. In Haverhill, our middle school principal Robert Phillips who is new this year will be joined by new principals in both the high school and the elementary school. This is of obvious importance to Benton parents as all of your children are tuitioned to Haverhill schools.

Benton this year is facing some significant special education costs beyond what has usually been necessary. We are preparing some fact sheets that will detail the costs and also explain how we are planning to cover those costs. Information will also be provided that will explain a funding mechanism called Catastrophic Aid and how that will come into play this year and in years to come. In addition, I will be available at the district meeting to address questions that any of you might have.

My time as Interim Superintendent in SAU 23 has been challenging but rewarding. I have had the opportunity to become more familiar with a beautiful part of the state and gotten to know a number of wonderful people. Members of the Benton School Board have been involved in SAU business while representing the interests and concerns of Benton residents well. I will miss my work with them...they are great people!

Thank you all for the opportunity to work for you and on behalf of your children. I wish nothing but the best for all of you-always!

Respectfully submitted,

Donald A. LaPlante, Ed.D.

**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23
REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S AND
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S SALARIES**

One-half of the School Administrative Unit expenses are prorated among the school districts on the basis of equalized valuation. One-half is prorated on the basis of average daily membership in the schools for the previous school year ending June 30. Below is a breakout of each district's cost share for the Superintendent at a salary of \$110,000 and the Business Administrator at a salary of \$83,640.

Superintendent Salary		%
Bath	13,321	12.11
Benton	2,200	2.0
Haverhill Cooperative	72,193	65.63
Piermont	12,100	11.
Warren	10,186	9.26
TOTAL	\$110,000	100%

Business Administrator Salary		%
Bath	10,129	12.11
Benton	1,673	2.0
Haverhill Cooperative	54,893	65.63
Piermont	9,200	11.
Warren	7,745	9.26
TOTAL	\$83,640	100%

HAVERHILL COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT**TEACHER QUALITY REPORT FALL 2014**

Number of Teachers with Provisional (Intern) Certification

Woodsville Elementary School	0
Haverhill Cooperative Middle School	1
Woodsville High School	3

Number of Core
Academic Courses Not
Taught By Highly
Qualified Teachers

Woodsville Elementary School	0
Haverhill Cooperative Middle School	0
Woodsville High School	0

PARENTS RIGHT TO KNOW

As a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or Legal guardian, you have the right to know:

1. Who is teaching your child;
2. The qualifications and experience of your child's teacher(s).

For information concerning your child's teacher(s), please contact the Superintendent's Office at:

SAU #23
2975 Dartmouth College Highway
North Haverhill, NH 03774
603-787-2113

**REPORT OF THE BENTON SCHOOL
DISTRICT TREASURER
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2014 TO JUNE 30, 2015**

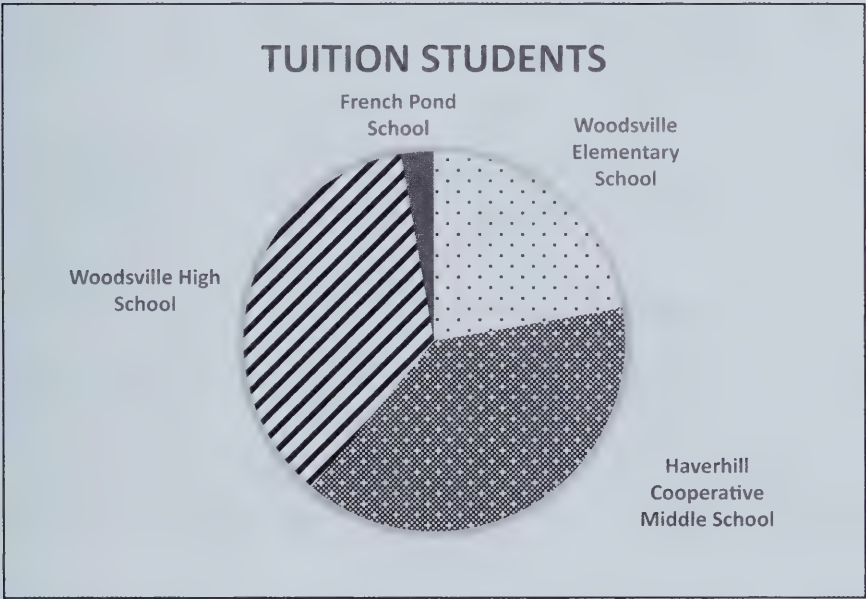
Cash on Hand, July 1, 2014	\$116,012.51
Total Revenues Received	486,563.40
Total School Board Orders Paid	(583,800.89)
Cash on Hand June 30, 2015	\$ 18,775.02

Maxine Tyler, School District Treasurer

**BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUITION STUDENTS
2014-2015**

	<u>Total Students</u>	<u>Total Tuition Costs Per School</u>
Woodsville Elementary School	8	\$89,271.00
Haverhill Cooperative Middle School	14	\$166,143.00
Woodsville High School	13	\$136,045.00
River Bend Tech*	4	\$27,636.00
French Pond School	1	\$21,768.00
TOTAL	35	\$440,863.00

* 4 WHS students attend River Bend half time



BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT REVENUES

		FY15 ACTUALS	FY16 BUDGET	FY17 PROJECTED	+/-	%
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$5,180	\$100,000	\$0	(100,000)	(1.00)
	<u>Local</u>					
1111	Local Education Tax	\$399,233	\$249,050	\$467,024	217,974	0.88
1510	Interest	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	0.00
5252	Transfer from Expendable Trust	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	0.00
		\$399,233	\$249,050	\$467,024	217,974	0.88
	<u>State</u>					
3111	State Adequacy Grant	\$125,260	\$127,908	\$130,662	2,754	0.02
3112	State Adequacy Tax	\$68,617	\$58,413	\$55,940	(2,473)	(0.04)
3241	Vocational Education Tuition	\$6,286	\$6,264	\$6,840	576	0.09
3242	Vocational Transportation	\$554	\$571	\$0	(571)	(1.00)
		\$200,717	\$193,156	\$193,442	286	0.00
	<u>Federal</u>					
4580	Medicaid Reimbursement	\$14,500	\$15,950	\$14,500	(1,450)	(0.09)
4810	National Forest Reserve	\$15,085	\$15,085	\$13,987	(1,098)	(0.07)
		\$29,585	\$31,035	\$28,487	(2,548)	(0.08)
SUBTOTAL REVENUES:		\$634,715	\$573,241	\$688,953	115,712	0.20
TOTAL BUDGET AND ARTICLES		\$634,715	\$573,241	\$688,953	115,712	0.20

\$0	Allowed to retain
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	FY15 ACTUALS	FY16 ACTUALS	FY17 PROJECTED	CUURENT VALUATION	
Local Property Tax Rate	\$15.78	\$13.44	\$18.39	25,391	Per \$1,000
State Property Tax Rate	\$2.80	\$2.29	\$2.39	24,477	Per \$1,000
Total School Tax Rate	\$18.58	\$15.73	\$20.78		
	\$4.51	-\$2.85	\$5.05		

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET

	General Fund 10	Trust Fund Fund 70
ASSETS		
Current Assets
CASH	18,775.02	0.00
INVESTMENTS		0.00
ASSESSMENTS RECEIVABLE	
INTERFUND RECEIVABLE		0.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RECEIVABLES	12,827.31	0.00
OTHER RECEIVABLES		0.00
BOND PROCEEDS RECEIVABLE
PREPAID EXPENSES		0.00
OTHER CURRENT ASSETS		0.00
Total Current Assets	31,602.33	0.00
LIABILITY & FUND EQUITY		
Current Liabilities
INTERFUND PAYABLES		0.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL PAYABLES		0.00
OTHER PAYABLES	36,855.00	0.00
ACCRUED EXPENSES	
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	
DEFERRED REVENUES	
OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES		0.00
Total Current Liabilities	36,855.00	0.00
Fund Equity
Committed:
RESERVE FOR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS		0.00
RESERVE FOR AMTS VOTED	0.00
RESERVE FOR ENCUMBRANCES (non-lapsing)		0.00
UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE RETAINED	0.00
Assigned:
RESERVED FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES	0.00	0.00
RESERVED FOR ENCUMBRANCES	(750.00)	0.00
UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	(4,502.67)
Total Fund Equity	(5,252.67)	0.00
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	31,602.33	0.00

**BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS
PREVIOUS TWO FISCAL YEARS PER RSA 32:11-a**

		<u>2013- 2014</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
<u>Special Education Expenses</u>			
1200/1230	Special Programs	79,885	119,017
1430	Summer School	0	3,400
2150	Speech and Audiology	0	495
2162	Physical Therapy	2,407	3,182
2163	Occupational Therapy	5,386	6,962
2722	Special Transportation	2380	6,350
Total	Expenses	90,058	139,406
<u>Special Education Revenue</u>			
3110	SPED portion of State Adequacy	6,394	7,404
3230	Catastrophic Aid		
4580	Medicaid	14,500	14,500
Total	Revenues	20,894	21,904
District Cost for Special Education		69,164	117,502
<u>IDEA Entitlement Funds through SAU23</u>			
	Part A - Preschool	0	0
	Part B - Special Education	2,647	2,647

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET 2016-17

Func	Obj	Description	FY15 BUDGET	FY16 BUDGET	FY17 PROPOSED BUDGET	
1100	561	EL REGULAR TUITION	73,710.00	98,280.00	102,639.53	4,359.53
1100	561	MS REGULAR TUITION	175,489.00	166,143.00	176,540.00	10,397.00
1100	561	HS REGULAR TUITION	121,095.00	148,005.00	131,378.00	(16,627.00)
1200	320	MS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	0.00	44,980.00	69,770.00	24,790.00
1200	330	EL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	2,900.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1200	330	MS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	460.00	920.00	0.00	(920.00)
1200	561	EL SPECIAL ED TUITION	0.00	0.00	8,439.00	8,439.00
1200	561	MS SPECIAL ED TUITION	53,760.00	0.00	59,416.00	59,416.00
1200	561	HS SPECIAL ED TUITION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1200	562	HS SPECIAL ED TUITION	1,000.00	1,752.00	0.00	(1,752.00)
1200	564	MS SPED TUITION - PRIVATE	60,897.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1200	610	MS SPED SUPPLIES	0.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
1200	734	MD SPED SUPPLIES	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
1200	810	EL SPECIAL ED FEES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1230	564	FRENCH POND TUITION	0.00	23,106.00	0.00	(23,106.00)
1231	564	KING STREET TUITION	0.00	0.00	29,749.00	29,749.00
1300	562	VOC ED TUITION	13,920.00	13,920.00	11,277.00	(2,643.00)
1430	561	EL SUMMER TUITION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1430	561	MS SUMMER TUITION	3,400.00	3,400.00	3,400.00	0.00
1430	564	MS SUMMER TUITION - PRIVATE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2150	330	EL SPEECH SERVICES	0.00	0.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
2150	330	MS SPEECH SERVICES	0.00	0.00	7,200.00	7,200.00
2150	330	HS SUMMER SPEECH	0.00	0.00	7,200.00	7,200.00
2159	330	EL SUMMER SPEECH	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
2159	330	MS SUMMER SPEECH	495.00	495.00	500.00	5.00
2162	330	EL PT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2162	330	MS PT	3,182.00	3,277.46	3,675.00	397.54
2163	330	EL OT	0.00	0.00	2,562.00	2,562.00
2163	330	MS OT	6,962.00	7,170.86	4,956.00	(2,214.86)
2311	111	EL SCHOOL BOARD SALARIES	228.00	228.00	228.00	0.00
2311	111	MS SCHOOL BOARD SALARIES	216.00	216.00	216.00	0.00
2311	111	HS SCHOOL BOARD SALARIES	156.00	156.00	156.00	0.00
2311	220	EL SCHOOL BOARD FICA	17.00	17.00	17.00	0.00
2311	220	MS SCHOOL BOARD FICA	17.00	17.00	17.00	0.00
2311	220	HS SCHOOL BOARD FICA	12.00	12.00	12.00	0.00
2311	260	EL SCHOOL BOARD WORKERS' COMP	95.00	95.00	95.00	0.00
2311	260	MS SCHOOL BOARD WORKERS' COMP	90.00	90.00	90.00	0.00
2311	260	HS SCHOOL BOARD WORKERS' COMP	65.00	65.00	65.00	0.00

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET 2016-17 CONT.

2311	520	EL SCHOOL BOARD LIABILITY INS	1,186.00	1,186.00	1,186.00	
2311	520	HS SCHOOL BOARD LIABILITY INS	811.00	811.00	811.00	0.00
2311	540	EL SCHOOL BOARD ADVERTISING	38.00	38.00	38.00	0.00
2311	540	MS SCHOOL BOARD ADVERTISING	36.00	36.00	36.00	0.00
2311	540	HS SCHOOL BOARD ADVERTISING	26.00	26.00	26.00	0.00
2311	640	EL SCHOOL BOARD BOOKS	8.00	8.00	8.00	0.00
2311	640	MS SCHOOL BOARD BOOKS	7.00	7.00	7.00	0.00
2311	640	HS SCHOOL BOARD BOOKS	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00
2311	810	EL SCHOOL BOARD DUES & FEES	342.00	342.00	342.00	0.00
2311	810	MS SCHOOL BOARD DUES & FEES	324.00	324.00	324.00	0.00
2311	810	HS SCHOOL BOARD DUES & FEES	234.00	234.00	234.00	0.00
2313	111	EL TREASURER SALARIES	76.00	76.00	76.00	0.00
2313	111	MS TREASURER SALARIES	72.00	72.00	72.00	0.00
2313	111	HS TREASURER SALARIES	52.00	52.00	52.00	0.00
2313	220	EL TREASURER FICA	6.00	6.00	6.00	0.00
2313	220	MS TREASURER FICA	7.00	7.00	7.00	0.00
2313	220	HS TREASURER FICA	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00
2313	260	EL TREASURER WORKERS' COMP	31.00	31.00	31.00	0.00
2313	260	MS TREASURER WORKERS' COMP	30.00	30.00	30.00	0.00
2313	260	HS TREASURER WORKERS' COMP	22.00	22.00	22.00	0.00
2313	534	EL TREASURER POSTAGE	11.00	11.00	11.00	0.00
2313	534	MS TREASURER POSTAGE	12.00	12.00	12.00	0.00
2313	534	HS TREASURER POSTAGE	8.00	8.00	8.00	0.00
2313	610	EL TREASURER SUPPLIES	8.00	8.00	8.00	0.00
2313	610	MS TREASURER SUPPLIES	8.00	8.00	8.00	0.00
2313	610	HS TREASURER SUPPLIES	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00
2314	111	EL DISTRICT MEETING SERVICES	23.00	23.00	23.00	0.00
2314	111	MS DISTRICT MEETING SERVICES	22.00	22.00	22.00	0.00
2314	111	HS DISTRICT MEETING SERVICES	16.00	16.00	16.00	0.00
2314	220	EL DISTRICT MEETING FICA	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.00
2314	220	MS DISTRICT MEETING FICA	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.00
2314	220	HS DISTRICT MEETING FICA	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00
2314	260	EL DIST MEETING WORKERS' COMP	10.00	10.00	10.00	0.00
2314	260	MS DIST MEETING WORKERS' COMP	9.00	9.00	9.00	0.00
2314	260	HS DIST MEETING WORKERS' COMP	7.00	7.00	7.00	0.00
2317	330	EL AUDIT SERVICES	274.00	274.00	274.00	0.00

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2317	330	MS AUDIT SERVICES	260.00	260.00	260.00	0.00
2317	330	HS AUDIT SERVICES	187.00	187.00	187.00	0.00
2318	330	EL LEGAL SERVICES	95.00	95.00	95.00	0.00
2321	310	EL SAU MGT SERVICES	5,688.00	4,421.52	4,096.00	(325.52)
2321	310	MS SAU MGT SERVICES	5,388.00	8,843.03	8,800.00	(43.03)
2321	310	HS SAU MGT SERVICES	3,892.00	6,316.45	6,200.00	(116.45)
2721	510	EL PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	10,455.00	10,643.00	12,557.00	1,914.00
2721	510	MS PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	9,905.00	10,083.00	12,500.00	2,417.00
2721	510	HS PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	7,153.00	7,282.00	7,500.00	218.00
2722	510	EL SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION	0.00	0.00	1,196.00	1,196.00
2722	510	MS SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION	6,350.00	6,350.00	6,350.00	0.00
2723	510	VOCATIONAL TRANSPORTATION	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	0.00
		TRANSFER TO EXPEND TRUST				
5252	930	FUND	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total:			\$598,953.00	\$573,240.32	\$688,952.53	\$115,712.21

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23 REVENUES

		BUDGET 2015 - 2016	BUDGET 2016- 2017	+/(-)
	LOCAL REVENUE OTHER THAN ASSESSMENT			
1320	Tuition - French Pond	184,848	184,848	0
1321	Tuition - King Street School	346,488	346,488	0
1325	Tuition - Summer School	12,900	12,540	(360)
1950	Itinerants - art, music, phys. Ed, tech, guidance	289,196	270,727	(18,469)
1951	Speech/ Language	320,836	327,253	6,417
1952	Physical Therapy	54,840	55,937	1,097
1953	Occupational Therapy	112,368	114,615	2,247
1510	Interest	100	100	0
	Bldg. & Grounds Director	71,975	76,765	4,790
	BMU	24,648	0	(24,648)
	Prior Year Carryover	280	0	(280)
	Use of Fund Balance	0	170,000	170,000
	Total Other Revenue General Fund	1,418,479	1,559,273	140,794
1111	DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS	1,004,134	954,816	(49,318)
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES	2,422,613	2,514,089	91,476
	TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUES FUND 22 - GRANTS	250,000	250,000	0
	TOTAL SAU REVENUES INCLUDING GRANTS	2,672,613	2,764,089	91,476

DISTRICT ASSESSMENT SHARES AS DETERMINED BY NH RSA194-C:9

District	2015 - 2016	2016 - 2017	+/(-)
Bath	119,090	115,628	(3,461.78)
Benton	19,581	19,096	(484.68)
Haverhill	657,206	626,646	(30,560.26)
Piermont	114,973	105,030	(9,943.24)
Warren	93,284	88,416	(4,868.04)
TOTAL DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS	1,004,134	954,816	(49,318)

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